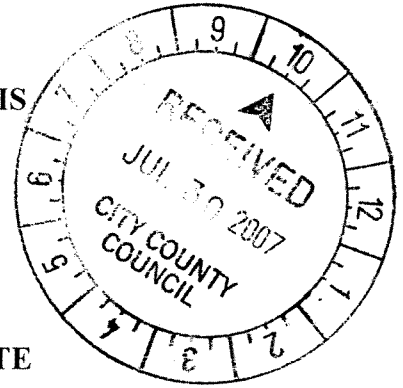


**CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
AND COUNTY OF MARION,
STATE OF INDIANA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2, 2007

**APPOINTMENT OF THE
MARION COUNTY TAXPAYER ADVOCATE**



WHEREAS, (i) the state's child welfare budget has dramatically increased since 2005; (ii) the business inventory tax has been eliminated; and (iii) local property tax replacement credits, that dramatically lowered property tax bills for homeowners, have been capped by the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, as a result, many property tax bills have increased much more than expected, causing senior citizens and homeowners on fixed incomes to fear they may lose their homes, or even worse, to be in actual danger of losing their homes; and

WHEREAS, even citizens of ordinary means will struggle to meet the increased financial burden that these higher property tax bills will cause; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no public office, department or agency to advocate for everyday homeowners as they navigate through the process of reviewing and appealing their assessment to the Marion County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the other initiatives of the Mayor's Property Taxpayer Assistance Program, there is an immediate need for such a public office and the assistance it can render to the citizens of Marion County;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana and as successor-in-interest to the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The temporary office of Marion County Taxpayer Advocate hereby is established.
2. The Office of Corporation Counsel, under the authority provided in Section 202-102 of the "Revised Code of the Consolidated City and County," hereby is directed to organize the efforts of volunteer local attorneys to serve as Marion County Taxpayer Advocates.
3. The Advocates shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and shall perform the following services under the direction of the Corporation Counsel:

- a. the screening of real property tax bills and assessments brought to their attention by concerned citizens of Marion County, for the purpose of determining whether there exists any factual or legal basis that is likely to lower the tax debt on appeal;
- b. the dissemination of information to the public for the purpose of educating citizens as to their rights as property taxpayers, the forms of property tax relief which are available to them, the manner in which property tax assessments may be appealed, and the assistance which may be available to citizens through the Property Taxpayer Assistance Program;
- c. such other services in furtherance of the Property Taxpayer Assistance Program as hereafter may be directed in writing by either the Mayor or the Corporation Counsel; and
- d. the coordination with the Corporation Counsel on the provision of such additional resources as may be required to assist the Taxpayer Advocates in the performance of these services.

4. This Executive Order is issued with the expectation that all City and County offices, boards, agencies and employees will cooperate fully with the Taxpayer Advocates in the performance of their services.

5. This Executive Order shall become effective immediately and shall be RESCINDED automatically and without further notice or Order at the close of business on December 31, 2007, unless earlier extended by the Mayor.

DATED this 23rd day of July, 2007.

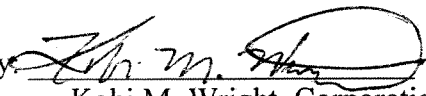
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By:


Bart Peterson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By:


Kobi M. Wright, Corporation Counsel